Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 11 Sep 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 12 Sep 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Sep 2020 at 15:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a rather unsettled and windy period followed by a more settled start to next week, but confidence in rainfall and cloud details Saturday and Sunday lower.

Headline for Friday 11 Sep 2020: Overnight rain clearing by mid-morning then brighter with blustery showers. Southwesterly gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 11 Sep 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	70%	70%	60%	20%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Friday 11 Sep 2020

Weather: Cloudy overnight with outbreaks of rain, heaviest and most persistent across the southwest. Then a cloudy start to the morning with outbreaks of rain, still occasionally heavy in the southwest. The cloud and rain clears southeastwards by mid-morning with some good spells of sunshine developing but also heavy, blustery showers with a small risk of thunder. Clear spells with further blustery showers, these perhaps wintry over the higher summits, through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance at first with periods or persistent cloud above 600m and patches below, perhaps around 30% in northeast with cloud nearer 750m. Chances improve from mid-morning to around 60% with cloud becoming occasional or periods above 750m.

Visibility: Very good, falling to several kilometres in rain and showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	42/54 SW	48/62 SW	51/66 SW	42/57 SW	37/51 SW	35/49 SW	34/47 SW	36/50 SW	37/52 SW
900	40/51 SW	45/59 SW	47/63 SW	40/55 SW	35/49 SW	33/47 SW	32/46 SW	34/48 SW	35/50 SW
600	29/40 SW	32/46 SW	34/49 SW	29/44 SW	26/40 SW	25/39 SW	24/37 SW	23/37 SW	25/40 SW
300	10/40 SW	13/46 SW	12/48 SW	12/42 SW	12/38 SW	12/38 SW	11/35 SW	10/36 SW	11/38 SW
Glen	16/34 SW	18/38 SW	21/43 SW	19/38 SW	18/35 SW	17/34 SW	14/30 SW	13/30 SW	16/34 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/-1	6/-1	6/-1	6/-1	5/-1	5/-2	3/-4	3/-4	2/-5
900	7/0	7/0	7/0	6/0	6/0	6/-0	4/-2	4/-3	3/-4
600	9/4	9/4	9/4	8/4	9/4	8/4	7/2	6/1	6/0
300	10/8	11/8	11/9	10/8	11/9	11/8	9/7	8/6	8/5
Glen	13/10	13/10	13/10	13/10	14/11	13/10	12/9	11/8	11/8
Freezing Level*	2100m	2000m	2000m	1900m	1700m	1600m	1400m	1400m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Valley temperatures around 8 Celsius in the northeast at dawn. Gusts around 75mph likely over ridges and summits, especially through the first half of the morning.

Forecast for Saturday 12 Sep 2020

Weather: A bright but showery morning Saturday with heavy, blustery and perhaps thundery showers. The showers, perhaps wintry over the highest summits, ease through the afternoon as cloud increases from the southwest with more persistent rain and occasionally heavy rain developing through the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30-40mph, with gusts around 65mph over ridges and summits, easing a little later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 60% with occasional or periods of cloud above 750m. Chances expected to fall through the evening.

Visibility: Very good falling to several kilometres in showers or rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around plus 7 Celsius at dawn rising to plus 14 Celsius by day
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Just above the highest summits

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